### MINUTES

OF THE

## Seventy-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

# Zion Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Hebron Baptist Church, Webster Co., Miss. September 17, 18, 1913.



#### NEXT MEETING:

Place: Pilgrim's Rest Church, Webster County, 12 miles north of Eupora on Southern Railroad.

Time: Wednesday before the third Lord's Day in September, 1914, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Associational Sermon: Rev. A. C. Mason; Alternate, Rev. J. T. McPhail.

#### OFFICERS:

Moderator—Rev. T. H. V	VilsonBellefontaine,	Miss.
Clerk-J. W. Spencer	Walthall.	
Treasurer-J. N. Carroll	Walthall,	Miss.

### LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Name	Postoffice—
Britt, D. N.	Route 4 Funere M:
Dorroh Inc	Route 1 Rollefontaine Mine
Dorron, Ira	Slate Springs Mine
Hewlett, J. R. G	Lodi, Miss. Eupora, Miss.
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LOU, L. V	Route 1 Starrant M:
Mason, A. C.	Clat- C
Smith, B. T.	Stewart, Miss.
	Eupora, Miss. Eupora, Miss.
Wilson, T. H.	Bellefontaine, Miss.
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### LICENTIATES.

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Brooks, J. R. Slate Springs	30
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Dall C	Miss
Franklin, J. J. Eupora Eupora	, Miss.
Hodges Sam Eupora	, Miss.
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McCain, George	, Miss.
McCain, George Sumner McPhail, B. F	. Miss.
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Simmons, J. W. Sabougla	, MISS.
Sabougla	, Miss.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1. Devotional exercises by the Moderator.
- 2. Introductory Sermon.
- 3. Reading of letters.
- 4. Permanent organization.
- 5. Appointment of committees.
- 6. Call for Correspondents.
- 7. Appoint return Correspondents.
- 8. Treasurer's report.
- Report on Mutual Obligation of Pastors and Churches.
- 10. Report on Missions.
- 11. Report on Evangelism.
- 12. Woman's Work.
- 13. Orphan's Home.
- 14. Report on Sabbath Schools.
- 15. Report on Ministerial Education.
- 16. Report on Our Colleges.
- 17. Report on Layman's Missionary Movement.
- 18. Select place to hold next meeting.
- 19. Report on Temperance.
- 20. Report on Periodicals.21. Report of Finance Com
- 21. Report of Finance Committee.
- 22. Report on Nominations.
- 23. Appointment of Standing Committees.
- 24. Miscellaneous business.
- 25. Calling the roll.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1914.

Missions—O. C. Leigh, A. E. Ferguson.
Evangelism—J. R. G. Hewlett, Alonzo Skelton.
Ministerial Education—Bethel church.
Our Colleges—E. T. Gwin, S. L. Cook.
Orphans' Home—A. C. Mason and wife.
Mutual Obligation of Pastor and Churches—J. W.
Hicks and J. M. Eidson.
Peridolicals—J. T. McPhail, B. F. McPhail.
Sabbath Schools—Noll Skelton, Leroy Dorroh.
Layman's Missionary Movement—Bryant Pittman, J.
Y. Oliver.
Temperance—Thad W. Scott.
Woman's Work—Miss Minnie Skelton, Mrs. Agnes
Watson.
Ministerial Relief—Jim McCord, J. B. Black.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1914.

T. H. Wilson	Bellefontaine, Miss.
J. W. Spencer	Walthal, Miss.
H. H. Middleton	Walthal, Miss.
J. R. G. Hewlett	Eupora, Miss.
J. W. Hicks	Bellefontaine, Miss.
Joel Dorroh	Bellefontaine, Miss.
E. G. Sheppeard	Lodi, Miss.
D. R. Dodson	Lodi, Miss.

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#### CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches, who on producing their credentials, or proper information as such, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. The members thus chosen and convened, shall be known by the name of "The Zion Baptist Association, who shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe on any of their rights; but shall merely be considered as an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal concerns; nevertheless, it becomes necessary in some cases to have a uniform rule of procedure, namely:

If one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended church to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fail of success, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction. And if satisfaction in the opinion of the helps there called be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon, according to its merits. If a serious difference should arise in any individual church, which upon due labor cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work; and if reconciliation be not effected, the help called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association to be acted upon according to its merits. But the Association will take no cognizance of any case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued, according to the economy of the church discipline found in the 18th chapter of the gospel according to Matt. and other parts of the scripture, which defines the nature of offenses and the manner of bringing offenders to trial.

Art. 3. The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association, written communications specifying the names of their delegates, the number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored, and deceased, since the last ses-

sion, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

Art. 4. Every church constituting this Association shall be entitled to representation in the following ratio: Each church shall be entitled to three messengers for the first one nundred members thereof, and one messenger for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof. Any church failing to be represented either by messenger or letter, shall state her reason for such failure at the next regular session of the Association.

Art. 5. New churches may be admitted into our union by delegates bearing petitionary letters, and if upon due examination they be found orderly and orthodox their delegate shall be given the right hand in token of Christian fellowship.

Art. 6. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend,

according to her views.

Art. 7. At each session of the Association a Moderator shall be elected by and from among the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules are strictly observed and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced.

A clerk shall also be elected, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings. A Treasurer shall also be elected, whose duty it shall be to receive all monies of the Association,

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either from churches, or the finance committee, giving his receipt therefor, pay out same as directed, and make a full and complete report in writing at each session of the Association.

Art. 9. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

Art. 10. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to settle it but failed. In such case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of the majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

Art. 11. Queries which immediately concern the general union of the churches, sent by a particular church, or introduced by proper motion, shall be taken up and decided on as soon as practicable.

Art. 12. Any church in our union having a preacher whom she may deem worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work, and all presbyteries in the ordaining of ministers and deacons, or in the constitution of churches, shall be governed by the abstract of faith adopted by this Association.

Art. 13. The Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and monies thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches by their delegates and paid over to the Committee on Finance. This committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Associational fund, and dispose of the same agreeable to order, and make at every session a fair and correct report of their proceeding.

Art. 14. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session of this body and transcribe the same in the Associational record.

Art. 15. The Association shall not adjourn any session until she shall have finished all business on hand except in extraordinary cases.

Art. 16. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the

Art. 17. The Association shall be governed in all cases by a majority of the members present.

Art. 18. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of the Association, when a majority of the members present shall

The Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer are authorized to Art. 19. change the time and place of holding the Association when necessary.

#### RULES OF DECORUM.

Rule 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer. Rule 2. The Moderator shall be considered judge of order, and shall have a discretional right to call to order at any time.

Rule 3. Any member who is dissatisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association, on the same day, but at no other time.

Rule 4. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, and on obtaining permission, proceed.

The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person or otherwise.

Rule 6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or use words of reflection. Rule 7.

Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the

consideration of the Assoication, unless withdrawn by him who made it. Rule 8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided on or withdrawn before another shall be offered.

Rule 9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take up the vote of the Association on the subject.

Rule 10. If the vote be taken by rising, the Moderator shall pronounce the decision, before the negative standers resume their seats. Rule 11. Any member wishing to retire, shall obtain permission of

the Moderator.

Rule 12. No members shall speak more than twice on the same proposition, without permission of the Association; nor more than once until every member wishing to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debate shall be carried through.

Rule 13. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the Associa-

tion by members in their address to one another.

Rule 14. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Associatoin may direct.

Rule 15. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends

to interrupt public speaking.
Rule 16. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speaking as any other member, provided, he appoint another in his seat during the time, but shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

17. Any member violating these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator at his discretion, but only on the day the breach shall have

been made.

### Proceedings

#### FIRST DAY-MORNING SESSION.

The Zion Baptist Association met in its Seventy-eighth Annual Session with the Hebron Baptist church, Webster county, Mississippi, on September 17, 1913. At 11 o'clock A. M. the congregation joined in singing "Amazing Grace," and "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus."

The Moderator, Rev. T. H. Wilson, conducted the devotional exercises by reading the 86th Psalm and offering prayer. Song, "Coronation." J. W. Hicks offered prayer. Song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and Bro. J. H. Pryor, formerly of this Association, but now a visitor from Texas, offered prayer.

The Moderator then declared the Association ready for business.

On motion and second the Introductory Sermon was deferred until the afternoon session.

Letters were then called for and messengers enrolled as follows, to-wit:

The following brethren were appointed reading clerks, to-wit: J. T. Dalton and A. E. Ferguson.

Bethany—J. S. Dorroh, J. T. McPhail. Bethel—Charles Denton, J. R. Brooks.

Bluff Springs-N. C. Pittman, E. J. Hood.

Eupora—J. E. Taylor and wife, W. W. Naron, A. E. Ferguson.

Fellowship—J. T. Pounds, J. W. Eidson, J. W. Spencer. Greensboro—Not represented.

Harmony-Not represented.

Hebron-R. M. Duke, J. F. Lucius, Bob Hardy, J. S. Lucius.

Milligan Springs—By letter. Mount Vernon—E. Strickland.

Mount Zion-By letter.

Mulberry-S. A. Pittman, E. Townsend, Oberth Burton.

New Hope—W. L. Bridges, J. W. West, Noel Skelton. New Liberty—J. D. Golding, W. N. Patridge, J. E. Patridge.

Philadelphia—E. L. Pittman, W. L. Cannon, Bunyan Middleton.

Pilgrims Rest-G. E. Shaw, T. W. Gary.

Pine Forest—By letter.

Pleasant Hill—B. F. McPhail.

Pleasant Grove—L. M. Trussell, T. P. Porter. Sabougla-L. L. Hammock, M. M. Willingham.

Sapa-J. C. Byrd, J. Taylor Dunn, Irvin Love, Miss

Cordie Henley.

Shady Grove-T. Sparkman, Woodie Sparkman, Vince Bailey. Joe Ray, Sister Parilee Sparkman.

Shiloh—By letter.

Spring Hill-Marion Hardin.

Union-J. M. Clark, Gary Peeples, W. H. Forest.

Unity-C. S. Clark, J. W. Clark, T. E. Clark, Ohert Britt.

Walthall-J. N. Carroll, E. T. Gwin, S. B. Hood, B. Y. King, H. H. Middleton.

By motion and second all delegates present without letters were seated.

On motion the Association then proceeded to permanent

Organization. On motion the rules were suspended and officers were elected by nomination and rising vote. Result as follows, to-wit: Moderator, T. H. Wilson; Clerk, J. W. Spencer; Treasurer, J. N. Carroll.

The following Committee on Finance was appointed,

to-wit: J. T. Dalton, S. B. Hood, J. T. McPhail.

Motion to take recess until 1:30. After announcements the Association was dismissed with prayer by D. N. Britt.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 1:45. Song: "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Prayer by Rev. A. A. Weeks.

The following Committee on Nominations was appointed, to-wit: Julius Clark, J. Taylor Dunn, B. Y. King.

On Devotion: Pastor and Oeacons on this church. Program taken up. J. N. Carroll, Treasurer, read his report, which, on motion, was received and referred to Finance Committee.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1913.

1912.				•		
Sept.	12.	Recd.	from	Finance Committee and Amt. on hand\$	9.55	
Sept.	12.	Recd.	from	Finance Committee, H. M	12.15	
Sept.	12.	Recd.	from	Finance Committee, S. M	27.55	
Sept. 1	12.	Recd.	from	Finance Committee, F. M	13.35	

### SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

Sept. 1 Sept. 1	2. Recd. from Finance Committee, Del. S. B. C.	17.01
Sept. 1	Clerk's Fee	2.50
Sept. 1	2. Recd. from Association, General Missions	45.10
Sept. 1:	2. By cash to B. Simmons\$ 8.00	19.85
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Sept. 1	4. By check to J. R. Carter	
Sept. 1	4. By cash on hand	
Oct. 30	Recd from Bethany Church for S. M. \$147.01—\$1	147.01
Dec. 9		14.50
Nov. 1	Recd. from Fellowship Church for S. M.	20.00
Nov. 10	By check from I B Cont.	14.50
	by check from J. R. Carter	20.00
1913.		
Apr. 8		14.00
Apr. 14	. Recu. from Dethany S. S. for H & F M	14.03
Apr. 29	5. Recu. from Mt. Vernon Church for H & F M	11.15
Apr. 26	. Recu. from Fligrim's R. Church for H & E M	20.08
Apr. 27	. Recu. from Waithall Church for H & E M	5.55
Apr. 28	. Recu. from reliowship Church for H & F M	10.50
Apr. 28	. Reed. from Unity Church for H & F M	46.86
May 1	. Recu. from Dethany Church for H & F M	10.00
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May 11.	Recd. from Walthall church for D. S. B. C.  Recd. from Bethany church for D. S. B. C.	2.00
May 12.	Recd. from Bethany church for D. S. B. C.  By check to Rev. J. R. G. Houlett	2.50
- July 12.	By check to Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett	
	\$8.00 \$	8.00
May 20.	To check returned by Hewlett  By cash returned to Walth II all the State of the Sta	
May 21.		8.00
May 22.	By check returned to Unity church (Rev.Wilson) 2.00	
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May 22. By chk. retd. to Mt. Vernon Ch. (Jas. O. Peeples) 1.50 May 22. By chk retd. to Bethany Ch. (M. B. Dorroh)....... 2.50

\$8.00 \$8.00

Respectfully submitted, J. N. CARROLL, Treas.

Report on Mutual Obligation of Pastor and Churches read by J. R. G. Hewlett. Motion to receive and adopt. Discussed by J. R. G. Hewlett, A. E. Ferguson, J. T. McPhail, C. S. Clark, B. F. McPhail, J. N. Carroll, C. B. Williams, Joel Dorroh, J. W. Clark, J. F. Lucius and was adopted.

### MUTUAL OBLIGATION OF PASTOR AND CHURCH.

Your Committee on Mutual Obligation of Pastor and Church report as follows: While the obligation of pastor and church is mutual, its relationship is very sacred, being that of an undershepherd over a flock, or a captain over an army. Each should recognize the Lord's command in Mt. 28:19-20, in its direct application. While the Pastor should be a man called of God to preach the Gospel, to teach and lead His people, by precept and example, he should also be a man of prayer, giving himself entirely to the work of the ministry.

The likewise should be composed of people called of God, whose mission is to give the gospel to a sin cursed world. Having called a pastor the church should receive him as teacher and leader, earnestly and prayerfully following him as he follows Christ.

While the pastor ministers to the church in spiritual things the church should adequately minister to the pastor in carnal things, and thus relieve the pastor of too frequented embarrassment of not being able to meet his financial obligations, thereby curtailing his usefulness as God's called minister. Last year the churches in this Association, twenty-seven in number, paid to the support of their pastors the sum of \$2,844.50. This represented twenty-nine one-fourth appointments, making a little less than \$400.00 to a pastor with four churches, one-fourth time, or this would give three pastors a moderate salary provided their families were not too large.

With these facts before us your committee would sincerely recommend that our churches be hereby urged to provide amply for the support of their pastors demanding of the pastors that service which would be acceptable and well pleasing to the God who calls them into the Gospel Ministry.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. G. HEWLETT, Chairman.

Report on Sabbath Schools read by J. R. G. Hewlett. Motion to receive and adopt. Discussed by W. E. Holcomb, Noel Skelton, J. T. McPhail, J. L. Hughes, C. S. Clark, and report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Co-operative, consecrated personal service, we believe, is the key note of success in Sunday School effort. But how to obtain this is the problem. So often when Sunday comes we feel indifferent, indisposed, tired or we want to visit or in some way yield to our personal gratification.

Parents, when God gave us these children, did He not place in our hands the most priceless jewels that it was possible to give us? Are we not in a large measure responsible for their soul's salvation? If we neglect them in their infancy and early youth, have we any promise that they will ever go in the right way? But we have the blessed promise that if we train them up in the way they should go they will not depart from it when they are old. As they leave our homes to go out in life, never to be with us much more, it is either with keen anguish of soul we see them depart because we have failed so utterly in duty towards them or with the feeling of peace and confidence that God will bless our poor, weak efforts, though they have been so full of mistakes. For your child's soul's sake give them this early spiritual training both at home and in Sunday School.

It is said that 100,000 boys and girls are leaving Sunday School in their teens, 86,000 boys and 14,000 girls, simply because we have not seen our duty or had a correct idea of our duty. Mrs. Dana L. Eddy says make the word "service" a call that cannot be resisted. Hold up before the boys and girls the wonderful possibilities and results of lives whose first motive is service. Give them big ideals and high purposes, but make them to know that they will never be able to recognize these unless they see them through the use of present opportunities. And then we can not over estimate the power of earnest believing prayer in our Sunday School. It has been estimated that in 1908 the numbers of classes in the United States was 1,632, and in 1912, 33,000, with a membership of 800,000. What a royal phalanx for Christ if we can only retain them.

Parents, teachers, co-workers, will we not try harder to imitate Him who came, "not to be ministered unto," but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many."

Respectfully submitted, J. W. CLARK AND WIFE.

Report on Evangelism read by A. E. Ferguson. Motion to receive and adopt. Discussed by A. E. Ferguson, J. R. G. Hewlett, H. G. McCain, J. L. Hughes, A. A. Weeks, W. C. Sugg, J. T. McPhail, J. W. Hicks and was adopted.

### REPORT ON EVANGELISM.

Jesus commanded His followers to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature and teach them to observe whatsoever he had commanded. "God needs men to propagate His kingdom and has saved them for that purpose." We hear a great deal said about evangelizing the world in the next generation. Whether we are able to do that or not, time only will prove. We are absolutely sure, however, that God requires us to give Him our best service and He will take care of results.

We are God's stewards and He has given us the possessions that we are most capable of managing to His satisfaction. To some He has given the power of eloquence. To others He has given the power of making money. Some are leaders, some are followers. To every one He has been given at least one talent. If we would show the love that all Christians should feel towards the Christ who redeemed us we should put forth every effort to evangelize our own community and also the world at large.

At the present time there is great need of evangelizing the foreigners who come to our shores. If we would give the gospel to the Chinese, Japanese, Philippines, Mexicans, Italians and all others we can't do better than get hold of the ones who come to America and let them tell their friends and kindred the good tidings.

Brethren, the field is white. Let us go forth to the harvest and prove ourselves worthy bondsmen unto the Lord Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. FERGUSON,
J. J. FRANKLIN,
OSCAR HERRING,
Committee.

Motion to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 A. M. The Moderator announced that the Introductory Sermon would be preached tomorrow at 11 A. M.

The Committee on Hospitality assigned homes to delegates and visitors, and the Association was dismissed with prayer by J. L. Hughes.

#### SECOND DAY-MORNING SESSION.

Met at 9:15. Song: "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer by J. T. McPhail. Song: "Alas and Did my Savior Bleed." C. B. Williams offered prayer.

Moderator then declared the Association ready for business. The minutes of yesterday was read and stood approved.

Call for correspondents. Rev. J. L. Hughes, representing the Baptist Record, presented himself from Calhoun Association, and W. E. Holcomb from the Chickasahay Association, representing Sunday School Work, presented himself, and they were welcomed to seats.

Report on Ministerial Education read by Joel Dorroh.

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

I will say why we should have an educated ministry. First, it helps him to understand the word of God. It enables him to rightly divide the word of truth and give the minister self-confidence.

It does away with embarrassment,

We need an educated ministry because the lawyers, doctors, and the teachers, and every professional man must be educated. Even the farmer has come to realize the need of an education.

The minister has to meet all of them. He has to meet all critics

and all the opposing powers of the devil,

We believe that God intended for the minister to be educated, but many things are not done that God said we should do. No doubt it would surprise many of us if we were to examine the Bible and see how often it says teach. How can the ministers teach if he has not been taught?

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL DORROH,

W. W. ALLEN,

J. R. SKELTON,

Committee.

Discussed by J. L. Hughes, J. C. Parker, and report

was adopted.

Renewed call for correspondents. Rev. A. V. Rome, Secretary of State Mission Board, and Rev. J. C. Parker, representing the Baptist State Hospital, presented themselves and were welcomed to seats.

Rev. J. C. Parker then addressed the Association in the

interest of the Baptist State Hospital.

After which pledges were made for same amounting to

#### MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL FACTS.

With grateful hearts we review our year's work. God's approval of

this work is shown by the following results:

Number of patients treated from Sept. 1, 1912, to Sept. 1, 1913, pay patients, 196; deaths, pay patients, 6; number charity patients, 26; deaths, charity patients, 1; total number treated, 222; total number of deaths, 7.

Our imperative need is suitable buildings in which to do the work. Such a building has been planned and the foundation, including the first floor, is now being laid, and we hope that the churches will see that the work is continued until the building is completed, which can be done at less cost than if done by piece work.

God has graciously blessed the Secretaries, J. C. Parker and Bryan Simmons, in their efforts to raise the funds for this purpose, and with the aid of the pastors and churches it is hoped that they will be

able to report to the convention a completed task.

#### OUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

 That every person attending the Association, including the paspastors, make a reasonable subscription to this fund before leaving the house.

2. That every pastor (in case pastor is not present, Sunday School Superintendent, or any other member of church will do) on the first preaching day at each of his churches, present the Missionary Baptist Hospital to his people and take a subscription, including a cash offering, for same.

3. That all subscription be sent to, and pledge cards, circulars, and other information be secured from, Dr. T. J. Bailey, Treasurer,

"He Himself took our infirmities and bore our diseases."—Matt. 8:17.

J. C. PARKER.

The time for the Introductory Sermon having arrived, the same was preached by Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett after scripture reading as follows: Ex. 20:56; Matt. 22:21-22; Mark 12:29-30; First Cor. 14:20. Rev. A. V. Rowe offered prayer. Theme: "The richest blessing God may have in store for us."

At the conclusion of which prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Parker.

The Association then took a recess until 2 P. M. Dismissed with prayer by J. T. McPhail.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2 P. M. Songs "No Not One," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and Rev. J. R. Carter offered prayer.

Report of Committee on Nominations was read by B. Y. King which, on motion, was adopted.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee submits the following report, to-wit: Place to hold next meeting: Pilgrim's Rest Church. Time: Wednesday before the Third Lord's Day in September, 1913. To preach Introductory Sermon: Rev. A. C. Mason, alternate J. T. McPhail. Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention: Rev. J. W. Hicks, alternate J. D. Golding.

We recommend that the following churches pay the amounts named, not later than April 1st, 1914, to defray the delegates expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention, to-wit:

Bethany		 2.5
Bethel		 2.0
Bluff Sprin	<b>g</b> s	 1.5
E.mana		 2.5
Fellowship		 3.0
Greensboro		 1.0

Harmony Hebron	1.0
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Hebron	2.0
Shady Grove	
C. L In	2.0
Sabougia	2.5
Shady Grove Sabougla Spring Hill	
Mulberry	2.5
Mulberry New Hope Philadelphia Pilgrim's Rest	2.0
Philadelphia	2.0
Pilgrim's Rest	1.0
Pine Forest	
Pleasant Hill	1.5
Pleasant Hill Pleasant Grove	2.0
Sapa	1.0
Shiloh	2.4
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Unity	2.0
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We also request that the Moderator appoint the delegates to the Baptist State Convention. The following were appointed to-wit: J. R. G. Hewlett, A. C. Mason, Joel Dorroh, J. W. Hicks, O. C. Leigh, A. E. Ferguson, D. N. Britt, T. H. Wilson, Mrs. J. E. Taylor, W. W. Naron, Bryant Pittman, George McCain, J. T. McPhail, B. F. McPhail.

Anyone attending the Convention from our Association and presenting a copy of our minutes will be entitled to a seat as a delegate.

We recommend the appointment of the following brethren to compose the Executive Committee for the year 1913-1914, to-wit: The Moderator and Clerk, H. H. Middleton, J. R. G. Hewlett, J. W. Hicks, Joel Dorroh, E. G. Sheppeard, D. R. Dodson.

B. Y. KING, J. W. CLARK, Committee.

The report of Committee on Finance was read by J. T. Dalton which, on motion, was adopted.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee submits the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

We have also received the following sums of money and paid the same to the Treasurer, to-wit:

> For State Missions...... 18.15

> > J. T. DALTON, S. B. HOOD, J. T. McPHAIL, Committee.

Report of Committee on Woman's Work was read by Sister J. E. Taylor. Discussed by J. R. G. Hewlett, C. S. Clark and was adopted.

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

A quarter of a century ago the Baptist women of our Southland felt impelled to band together to undertake larger things for the furtherance of the cause so dear to their hearts. They heard the command "Go forward," and trusting the promise "Lo, I am with you always," endeavored to obey.

The formal organization in Richmond in 1888 was but on outgrowth of a steadily increasing interest in missions during more than 50 years among the women in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The object of the organization is by prayer, contributions and the spread of information to forward the general interest of the work fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention, thus aiding the Home, Foreign and Sunday School Board in giving the gospel to the destitute in our own and foreign lands.

Believing that "Knowledge is power," we make especial effort to enlist the co-operation of the women and children in the study of missions. Also in giving money to the support of denominational enterprises, the general dissemination of missionary literature and the development of the missionary spirit in the churches.

The union has always held the ideal of a graded system of societies and carries out its plans through women's societies, young women's Auxiliary, the Junior Auxiliary, Sunbeam Bands and Royal Ambassadors. It directly supports the Margaret Home for missionary's children at Greenville, S. C., and the Woman's Missionary Training School at Louisville, Ky.

Brave pioneer work was done in the early years of which we are now reaping the benefit. A comparison of advantage and responsibilities, however, shows not only how much we of the 20th century have in our favor, but also how far we are from the ideal of which those women of the earlier day caught a glimpse. Our ideal is "Every woman in the church a member of the Woman's Missionary Society." It may mean an entire reviving of our method of work, it will mean sacrifice on the part of many, it must mean a wider vision in the heart of all. But, to seek first to bring Christ's kingdom on the earth, to respond to the need is sorest, to go out into desert for that lost and bewildered sheep that the shepherd has missed from the fold, to share all privilege with the unprivileged and happiness with the unhappy, to lay down life if need be in the way of Christ, this is the mission of the Woman's Missionary Movement.

We do earnestly request that the pastors of the churches, or any one who can or will aid us in any way possible to reach our ideal—a society in every church and every woman a member—and each member bristling with information with regard to our work.

MRS. J. T. MARSHALL, MRS. J. E. TAYLOR, Committee.

The following churches of the Zion Association have Woman's Missionary Unions, to-wit:

Bethany, Eupora, Fellowship, New Hope and Walthall, which have contributed during the year the following amounts for the objects named, to-wit:

Bethany, W. M. U., Home Missoins, \$20.00; State Missions, \$5.00; Orphan's Home, \$10.35; Blind Girl's Home

in China, \$5.00; Home uses, \$37.75.

Eupora-Home Missions, \$24.95; State Missions, \$10.-40; Foreign Missions, \$41.00; Orphan's Home, \$55.50; Baptist Hospital, \$17.20; Church expenses, \$134.20.

Fellowship-State Missions, \$2.00; Home Missions, \$4.40; Foreign Missions, \$2.75; Orphan's Home, \$12.00; Building repairing, \$5.40; other purposes, \$2.10.

New Hope—No report.

Walthall-Building and repairing, \$25.00, making a total for all purposes of \$415.60, all which is included in the statistical table.-J. W. Spencer, Clerk.

Report on Layman's Missionary Movement read by J.

R. G. Hewlett which, on motion, was adopted.

#### LAYMAN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

The Layman's Missionary Movement has met with a good deal of opposition, especially on the part of some of our leading pastors. This opposition has come in consequence of the lack of information and appreciation of the work designed to be accomplished by the movement. One objection is "to much organization." This objection grows out of the lack of information. It is not an organization, nor does it prpose organization among Baptists, but a movement within the organization that we have.

Organized machinery is worthless unless set in motion. Another objection is, "the laymen think they can show the pastors how to do the thing." This objection comes because of the lack of the proper appreciation of the work. Our laymen do not propose to help do what has been on the heart of the pastor for years. We are under obligation to give the "message of life" to the world. This calls for money to bear the expense. God has entrusted the finances of the world to the laymen. The Laymen's Movement proposes to reach the laymen for world wide conquest, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This report would respectfully call attention to the Missionary Baptist Men's Convention to convene at Jackson, Miss., February 10-12, 1914, and earnestly urge each church within this Association to be represented in that Convention and thereby bring the spirit and the

fruit of that Convention to our Association.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. G. HEWLETT.

Motioned and seconded that this Association adopt the apportionment of the Southern Baptist Convention for Mississippi, to-wit: For Foreign Missions, \$600.00; for Home Missions, \$500.00; for State Missions, \$400.00.

Report on Orphans' Home read by J. R. Carter. Discussed by J. R. Carter, and collection was taken up amounting to \$8.45, and report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, was founded 16 years ago, in response to what seems clearly to have been a divine call. Many and pleading were the cries of helpless, homeless orphan children ere this; but no denominational hand had been held out to their help, until Rev. L. S. Foster of Senatobia, brought the matter of establishing an Orphanage before the denomination. Our people following the example of Mrs. Lou H. Moore, began to respond with their means and soon the work of sheltering feeding and clothing orphan children was commenced. In the 16 years, since the home was founded, about 600 children have received care and training for a longer or shorter time. Of these, many have gone out to build homes for themselves, others to fill positions of usefulness; and at present, there are about 225 to 230, all the while, who must be fed and clothed and trained for usefulness. Brethren, these are our charges. Their cries are unto God's people. These are our Lord's little ones, and Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these ye did it unto Me." Our Board of Trustees, at its last meeting, authorized the purchase of additional lands, to which our larger boys are to be transferred for additional training, and larger usefulness. Early in the Spring a beautiful tract of 300 acres, 12 miles south of Jackson, one mile west of Florence, was purchased at \$15.00 per acre. Our Superintendent and ten boys, began farming operations soon after its purchase, and they report a splendid crop. We are sure, that when properly developed, it will not only be self-sustaining, but will be a source of income, to our Home, in Jackson, where our girls and smaller boys will continue to be cared for. Remember that it costs \$5.00 per month to support one of these children in the Orphanage, beside what is sent in, in the way of clothing, etc.

We would recommend that each Sunday School or Church in the Association undertake the support of one of these children, contributing regularly five dollars a month. We would also urge, that boxes of clothing, shoes, stockings, bed clothing of all kinds, especially sheets and pillow cases, towels, soap, pins, needles, tablets, pencils and good books of all kinds, be made up by our churches, Sunday Schools and L. A. S.'s and shipped to Rev. J. R. Carter, Jackson, Miss., putting the name of church or society on box. Let our people all rally to our Orphanage,

with our prayers and our means, and God will bless us.

Report on Missions read by E. T. Gwin. Discussed by A. V. Rowe, J. C. Parker, J. R. G. Hewlett, and report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON GENERAL MISSIONS.

Your committee is well persuaded that this Gospel which should be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, has become manifest. We are living in an opportune age of transportation, travel and communication. Civilization is rapidly spreading her broad wings over the utmost confines of the earth and touching the secret springs of nature with her magic wand, nor will her insatiate demand be satisfied until all her secrets are yielded up to a consultation of her oracles. All this creates and opens up the right way to the missionary cause. In a great measure Christian rules have taken the reins of civil government into their hands. The powers of paganism are giving way and melting like snow in the glance of the Lord. In every nation of the earth the truth is being taught and triumphantly found information is running to and fro up and down the earth as the rivers that ramify the face thereof. Experience has put in her hard and inexorable logic, to combat which is impossible. Greater numbers of people all over the earth are looking to the Lord to be saved, realizing that He is God, and beside Him there is none other. Never before was the kingdom of Christ being set up in the hearts of men on earth, all this carries with it a corresponding weight of responsibility upon the Christian people, and therefore we pray the good Lord to hasten the time when we may realize that we are the sons of God who hath sent forth the spirit of His son into our hearts whereby we can, without embarrassment, cry "Abba Father." This responsibility carries also a demand upon us to divide our temporal blessings unto the Lord to work out His sovereign will in all the complications of human history, and His mysterious way. The matter of making disciples of all the nations should be the great concern of all Christian people. The great commission is of Supreme authority and should so be regarded in all our devotions and spiritual endeavors. The divine plan of reaching the lost is through the saved. In order to carry out this Christian duty and work, we of the South, have well organized agencies directed through the Boards of State, Home and Foreign Missions. To us State Missions is work in destitute and needy fields in Mississippi, especially along new lines of railroad. In the Delta and also Southern part of our great State, where Catholics and sin abound. The following statistics show the work accomplished last year: No. of stations, 22; sermonts preached, 5,618; religious visits, 10,040; baptisms, 1,660; received by letter, 767; restored, 180; total additions, 2,607; churches organized, 7; tracts distributed, 32,000. Brethren, in the question of world wide evangelization, State missions is the foundation.

The State of Mississippi gave, for State Missions, in 1911, \$27,895; in 1912, \$27,146; 1913 report not out yet. For Orphan's Home, in 1911,

\$17,772; in 1912, \$14,843; 1913 report not out yet.

#### HOME MISSION REPORT.

The founders of the Republic desired that this should be a Christian nation. They set forth their ideas in many of the earlier State papers. They refused to bolster up religious institutions by the State patronage.

History has justified their wisdom. The oppressed of every nation today look to America to show the way to better things. We have tried and know of a truth that "Righteousness exalteth a nation." But our best efforts have been imperfect; we also know that "sin is a reproach to a nation." Of 94,000,000 people in America, only about 21,000,000 are members of any evangelical religious body. Of 31,000,000 people in the Southern Baptist Convention territory, fewer than 11,000,000 are members of evangelical bodies.

There remains a large task of pioneer mission work in our territory. After all the successful efforts of Home and State Missions,

scores of communities in many States do not hear the gospel message. There has come about in addition a pioneer work of a new kind. It has to be found in the slums of the cities and sometimes along the fashionable boulevards. With the old task unfinished, many new ones are being added that are more difficult.

Southern Baptists are confronted by an immense vitalization work. Thousands of churches without resident pastors, with only once-a-month preaching, are finding themselves inadequately taught and trained to meet the pressing needs of today. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," we are beginning to see, is as truly a part of the Commission of our Lord as is evangelizing the lost. Our Home Board is undertaking to help in this great work for the enlistment and strengthening of our undeveloped churches. To strengthen our Board in this work is to strengthen everything for which Baptist stand.

Three thousand unhoused churches in our Convention territory, with thousands of others in buildings that are not adequate to their needs, mutely appeal for a large and hearty support to the Home Board in raising the Million Dollar Church Building Loan Fund.

In the Southwest, in Cuba and Panama, among the Southern mountains, in destitute city places and in needy rural districts throughout the South, among the Indians and Negroes and the foreigners, through evangelism, church building work and enlistment endeavor, our Home Mission Board is today doing the greatest work of all its fruitful history.

With all of these tasks pressing for vigorous, capable attention, our Board stands in the front ranks of those agencies of our Baptist body through which we seek to keep inviolate in a day of testing, the great Baptist principle of loyalty to Christ and the teachings of His word. There is danger that new and increasing Southern wealth shall lead men to drown the voice of spiritual appeal in the noise of the marketplace. There is a danger, now that the world has become a single community, that we shall love humanity in the abstract and forget to love our neighbors in their own persons—those who live with us and who are the inescapable test of the reality of our love for men. There is danger that hasty effort on the part of some of our churches to adjust themselves to new and involved social service requirements, may betray us into a wrong emphasis. There is danger that the quality of our impact upon society may be impaired by confusing the "goodly pearls" of social efficiency and human fraternity with "the Pearl of Great Price." Christianity means better living conditions among men, but the supreme business of the churches is to produce these better conditions by producing better men and women.

The Home Mission Board apportionment for the whole South is this year \$431,750. The apportionment for our Association is \$1,500.00: \$400.00 for State, \$500.00 for Home, \$600.00 for Foreign. Every dollar of the apportionment will be needed, if the Board is to provide for even the most urgent necessities in the various departments of its work.

We recommend that the amount for our Association be apportioned among the churches and each church requested to raise its entire amount.

2. That pastors and workers urge churches to subscribe for The Home Field, the monthly Home Mission magazine, and to make the largest use of the excellent Home Mission tracts, which are free on application.

3. That our churches remember Home Missions during the year and give with more regularity to meet the constant needs of the Board.

4. That earnest prayer be made for the cause of Home Missions in all the churches and that our pastors be requested to preach on this

subject, as often as possible.

The Home Mission work is stronger in the confidence of Southern Baptists today than it has ever been before. The work it has accomplished and is accomplishing merits this confidence. For this work I refer you to the statistics.

Home Missions, State of Mississippi, 1913, \$25,001; 1912, \$28,126;

1911, \$29,827.

#### REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The basis for all Foreign Mission work is found in Jno. 3:16. Christ was the Missionary from Heaven to the lost world. Having arisen in triumph from the grave, he sent forth his disciple, as the Father had sent him. The true vision and purpose of Christianity is seen in the words, "The field is the world." The Christian's work will never be completed so long as there is a single unsaved person in the world, and will not cease till Christ comes again. As to work accomplished by Foreign Missions let us turn to the statistics.

State of Mississippi, 1913, \$35,917; 1912, \$41,571; 1911, \$37,575.

On motion the Executive Committee was requested to take up the matter of enlarging our Sunday School work. Motion that the Clerk be allowed \$15.00 for his ser-

The following resolution of thanks was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That we, the messengers and visitors of the Zion Association, do hereby extend our most heartfelt thanks to the members of this church and community for the royal and brotherly way in which we have been entertained.

J. R. G. HEWLETT.

There being no further business a motion prevailed to adjourn. The closing prayer was offered by J. H. Pryor, and the Moderator then declared the Association adjourned to meet with Pilgrim's Rest Church on Wednesday before the third Lord's Day in September, 1914.

T. H. WILSON, Moderator. J. W. SPENCER, Clerk.

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